

RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS

In Washington State someone convicted of a felony in federal court may be allowed to register to vote as soon as the person is released from federal incarceration. The law reads as follows:

Revised Code of Washington 29A.08.520 (1) For a felony conviction in a Washington state court, the right to vote is provisionally restored as long as the person is not under the authority of the department of corrections. For a felony conviction in a federal court or any state court other than a Washington state court, the right to vote is restored as long as the person is no longer incarcerated.

You may not be able to vote if you are also under the authority of the Washington Department of Corrections [DOC] because you are on community custody. You may call the DOC to check your status at 1-800-430-9674.

Citizens may register to vote online or obtain forms at other registration sites depending on your county of residence. Go to www.secstate.wa.gov and select "Elections and Voting" and then select "contact you county" just under the small county map of Washington. This will take you to the voter registration information for your county.